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President Lisa Borders and  
Members of Atlanta City Council  
City Hall, Suite 2900 South  
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Atlanta, Georgia 30303

**RE: Atlanta Housing Authority (AHA) Board of Commissioners Appointment**

Dear President Borders and Members of the Council:

It is a pleasure for me to appoint Joel Alvarado to serve as a member of the Atlanta Housing Authority Board of Commissioners on behalf of the City of Atlanta. This appointment will fulfill the unexpired term of George Howell whose term will expire 4/6/08.

I am confident that Mr. Alavardo will serve the Atlanta Housing Authority Board of Commissioners with integrity and dedication.

Sincerely,



Shirley Franklin

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## **WORK EXPERIENCE:**

### **Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund**

**Atlanta, GA 8/03-Present**

#### ***Policy Analyst—Southeast Region***

MALDEF is the leading Latino civil rights organization in the United States. Policy analysts, within the organization, focus on public policy addressing education, employment, access to justice, political access, immigrant rights, and public resource equity. Specifically, policy analyst office ensures Federal, state, and local governments recognize the rights of Latinos when establishing and implementing public policy. Through research and analysis of bills, statutes, regulations, case law, institutional policies, and other legally recognized mandates, the office is responsible for developing policy briefs and recommendations to mitigate the impact or improve upon existing law. As well, the policy analyst office is responsible for strategic planning, drafting of policy, and outlining implementation measures when new issues arise that can be addressed through passage of legislation. Other tasks include project development and management, case intake, and fundraising. Most important, the policy analyst position emphasizes building relationships with other communities of color to develop and implement strategies capable of mitigating many of the socio-economic, political, and educational concerns impacting our respective groups.

#### **Accomplishments:**

- § Assisted the City of Atlanta in drafting and passing legislation accepting Mexican consular identification cards as valid forms of identification
- § Testified before the Maryland Legislature to vote against legislation prohibiting the acceptance of consular identification cards, leading to its failure in passing
- § Participated in a forum, funded by the Ford Foundation, to encourage greater voter participation in the Southeast within communities of color
- § Served as a consultant, in conjunction with the Southern Regional Council, in a program educating teenagers on the electoral process and encouraging them to vote

### **DeKalb County Government**

**Decatur, GA 1/03-7/03**

#### ***Executive Director, Community & International Affairs***

#### ***Executive Director, Community Relations Commission (CRC)***

As a member of the Chief Executive Staff, responsibilities were strategy development to attract foreign direct investment and company relocation into the county, protocol officer to international visitors, and serving as county liaison to the emerging DeKalb international community. Secondary duties were staff support and project management for the CEO's Veterans Advisory Board. As the Executive Director of CRC, responsibilities included policy development and coordinating community related projects to address issues deriving from the growing diversity within the county.

#### **Accomplishments:**

- § Project manager over the first veteran's memorial park in DeKalb County

- ξ Coordinated meetings between Latin American Consulates and key county officials
- ξ Initiated the first training session, for county officials, to better receive international visitors
- ξ Developed greater communication and collaboration between the Chief Executive Officer and the DeKalb international community

### **DeKalb County Government**

**Decatur, GA 3/01-1/03**

#### ***Director, Keep DeKalb Beautiful***

The purpose of Keep DeKalb Beautiful is to improve the environmental and aesthetic conditions of the county through public education, community based projects, and use of county services. The director was responsible for staff management, budget development, project management, public relations, and policy recommendations to the Chief Executive Officer.

#### **Accomplishments:**

- ξ Created and implemented the first 'Do Not Litter' signage campaign throughout the county
- ξ Responsible for DeKalb County increasing its recycling intake by over 40% through extensive community interaction and education
- ξ Managed programs to recycle Christmas trees, tires, furniture, and electronics
- ξ Coordinated community cleanups with homeowner associations and other organizations leading to cleaner communities and greater civic involvement

### **Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney**

**Decatur, GA 1/99-10/2000**

#### ***Assistant Casework Supervisor/Constituent Services Representative***

Responsibilities included casework intake for immigration related cases, project development, and serving as a liaison between the Congresswoman and the DeKalb international community.

#### **Accomplishments:**

- ξ Planned and developed a series of meetings between leaders within communities of color and the Congresswoman
- ξ Assisted in planning community health fairs for the immigrant community
- ξ Planned an economic forum for a Zambian business delegation to foster economic development in Zambia
- ξ Assisted numerous families in reuniting through contacting embassies, immigration services, and other agencies involved in immigration policy

## **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:**

### **Diversity Leadership Academy of Atlanta**

**Atlanta, GA 9/03-12/03**

The Diversity Leadership Academy (DLA), funded through the Coca-Cola Company, is dedicated to fostering quality decisions about diversity throughout society. DLA focuses on society's leaders, helping build the skills of those in the best position to influence real progress in government, education, philanthropy and business.

### **Leadership DeKalb**

**Decatur, GA 9/02-5/03**

Their mission is to cultivate the skills of the county's current and emerging leaders; to develop a more informed and educated network of citizens; to guide the future of DeKalb County and its citizens. Leadership DeKalb inspires positive change in DeKalb County, GA, through the training of community leaders for public service.

**Red Clay Institute Democratic Candidate Training Project Atlanta, GA 5/05**

The training seminar is for young Democrats who have an interest in running for public office. Training includes message development, staffing an election campaign, fundraising, polling, effective direct mailing, and campaign finance laws.

**EDUCATION:**

**Clark Atlanta University**  
School of Public Administration  
MPA; Public Policy 2004-2007

**Atlanta, GA**

**Morehouse College**  
BA; History 1995

**Atlanta, GA**

**PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC ACTIVITIES:**

**Georgia Commission on Interpreters**  
Member

**Atlanta, GA 3/05-Present**

The Commission sets the rules, policies, and procedures for regulating the quality of Court Interpreters in the state of Georgia.

**Georgia Advisory Council on Refugee Resettlement**  
Council Member

**Atlanta, GA 7/04-Present**

The purpose of the Council is to advise the Governor of Georgia on current refugee needs within the State and to assist in developing and reviewing the amendments to Georgia's Refugee Resettlement Plan. In addition, the Advisory Council assists in coordinating public and private resources for refugee resettlement.

**Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC)**  
Ethnic Advisory Committee

**Atlanta, GA 3/04-Present**

The ethnic advisory committee assists the ARC in developing strategies to further educate and assist communities of color as it relates to transportation, environment, and economic development.

**Georgia Interethnic Coalition (GIC)**  
Steering Committee

**Atlanta, GA 4/03-Present**

The GIC consists of organizations representing different races, ethnicities, and faiths seeking better understanding of different cultures and engaging in collaborative efforts to improve our collective quality of life.

**Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (GHCC)**  
Legislative Committee

**Atlanta, GA 8/01-Present**

The legislative committee is responsible for developing a yearly legislative agenda and educating other chamber members on key legislative proposals impacting the Latino business community.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Member, Morehouse College National Alumni Chapter  
Member, Morehouse College Atlanta Metro Alumni Chapter  
Member, Phi Alpha Theta Historical Honors Society  
Member, Southern Poverty Law Center  
Member, American Civil Liberties Union